Effect of Indo-Pak tension on Tourism Industry

728. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the Indo-Pak border tension, being a frequent phenomenon, has reflected on our tourist industry of late; and

(b) what steps are taken to insulate tourism against it?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Due to Indo-Pak Border Tension, a number of countries have issued travel advisories, advising their nationals against travel to India. This has resulted in decline in foreign tourist arrivals during this year.

(b) A number of steps have been taken to reassure tourists in the overseas markets that India is a safe destination for travellers. This reassurance message is carried through contact with media, participation in Travel marts and Exhibitions, arranging workshops, seminars and Road shows and through advertising India's tourism product.

Promotion of Tourism in Rajasthan and Goa

729. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate of tourist visiting Rajasthan and Goa for the last three years alongwith the entrie country; and

(b) whether there are any new schemes that the Ministry of Tourism and Culture propose to introduce to promote tourism for the States of Rajashthan and Goa?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The number of tourist visits in the States of Rajasthan and Goa and All India Total is as follows:-

Years	Tourist Visits (In millions)		
	Rajasthan	Goa	All India
1999	7.2	1.2	196.5
2000	8.0	1.3	226.0
2001	8.4	1.3	239.2

(b) Proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations including Rajasthan and Goa have been invited for the new schemes of the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India, such as integrated development of tourist circuits and product/infrastructure and destination development for the year 2002-03.

Decline of Foreign Tourists

730 SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to war like situation in the Indian sub-continent many foreign countries have issued travel warning to their citizens and have withdrawn number of their citizens from India.

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to these travel warnings there have been a decline in the travel of foreign tourists particularly from USA and European countries during the last six monts; and

(c) if so, the percentage of decline in tourism during the period, country-wise?"

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the period January to June this year, foreign tourist arrivals to India have declined by 14.9%.